



Local Union 569 San Diego

(4/19/16) Board Meeting
Salton Sea Management Program
Deadline: 4/13/16 by 12 noon



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Subject: Comment Letter: Salton Sea

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Board:

On behalf of over 3,400 members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 569 representing San Diego and Imperial Counties, I am writing to express our strong support for continued action and oversight by the State Water Resources Control Board in addressing the looming public health, economic and environmental crisis of a shrinking Salton Sea. Air quality is a matter of high concern for our membership not only from the standpoint of residents who live in Imperial County with their families but from a health and safety perspective as IBEW members often spend eight or more hours each day working outside.

We are pleased to see the Board taking up the issue of renewable energy at the upcoming hearing on April 19th as this is a critical piece of the conversation in assessing solutions. As the Task Force continues its work, we believe the role of clean energy, and particularly the exceptional renewable geothermal resources at the Sea, must continue to be part of the core dialogue.

As we have expressed in prior letters and in person at Board hearings, IBEW Local 569 is thankful to the Board and to the Governor's office for your leadership, action and oversight on this matter. By acting swiftly, we still have time to improve air quality, protect fragile species and create high-quality renewable energy jobs while moving toward a safe, healthy, sustainable Sea.

Sincerely,

Johnny Simpson
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cc: Congressman Juan Vargas, 51st District
Senator Ben Hueso, 40th District
Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, 56th District
Norma S. Galindo, Board President, Imperial Irrigation District
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